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**HOUSE PASSES RESOLUTION TO PRESERVE AND
PROTECT FLORIDIANS' RIGHT TO SECRET BALLOT**

~House Democrats Put Interests of Union Bosses Ahead of Workers' Protections~

TALLAHASSEE, FL – House Majority Leader Adam Hasner (R-Delray Beach) today lauded the passage of House Joint Resolution (HJR) 1013 by a vote of 74 to 44 on the House floor. The resolution calls for a Constitutional amendment which would preserve and protect one of American's most precious voting rights – the right to a secret ballot. Hasner issued the following statement:

"It's no secret that our state and our nation face unprecedented economic challenges. Protecting workers' rights is essential if we want to create and protect jobs and get Florida's economy moving again. To that end, the Florida House took a significant step today toward helping our economy by voting to provide Floridians with the opportunity to enshrine their right to vote by a secret ballot in the Florida Constitution.

"Electing those who represent us at work is just as important as electing those who represent us in government. Voters cast their votes free from fear of retribution from their government, and they deserve the same right to be free of fear of retaliation from their union, their employer and their fellow employees. HJR 1013 is not an anti-union proposal. It is a pro-worker protection proposal. Intimidation and harassment are wrong whether coming from a union boss or a management boss. With a secret ballot, Florida's workers are the boss."

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